

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Notice of Allowance***

In response to Applicant's amendments filed on 01/06/2010 claims 1-25 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claims as currently amended are allowed because no references, or reasonable combination thereof could be found, which discloses, suggest or teach, the recited features of independent claims 1, 10 & 21. For example, the prior art fails to disclose or teach, an Electronic Fund Transfer system having a ticket reader and a first processor configured to operate with the ticket reader, the first processor configured to communicate with a ticket validation system via a ticket validation network. The electronic fund transfer kiosk, also, having a second, different, processor configured to operate with the ticket printer, the second different processor configured to communicate via an electronic fund transfer network with a remote fund repository without communicating through the ticket validation network, the second different processor not configured to cause any play of any wagering game, as required by the independent claims 1, 10 & 21

The combination of Crevelt et al. (5,902,983) and Nguyen et al. (6,585,598) teaches an Electronic Funds Transfer system for gaming machine wherein all the communication coming from the game machine is routed through the EFT processor and over a single communication route. However, combination of Crevelt et al. and Nguyen et al. fails to teach each and every recited feature of the independent claims 1, 10 & 21.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUNIT PANDYA whose telephone number is (571)272-2823. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8 - 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dmitry Suhol can be reached on 571-272-4430. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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